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Toilets in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of toilets constructed for boys and girls in the schools in the country during the last one year under Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan along with the expenditure incurred in the country, State/ UT-wise including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the number of primary, secondary and senior secondary schools in the country that are not having separate toilet facility for girls, State/UT-wise and the time by which the separate toilet facility for girls is likely to be provided in all the schools in the country;

(c) whether water and proper drainage system are also provided in school toilets and if so, the details thereof including measures taken to ensure regular water supply in all toilets, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether all the toilets built under the Swachh Vidyalaya Abhiyan have followed the 1:40 ratio of toilets to students and if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a): The Department of School Education and Literacy, in response to the call made by the Prime Minister on 15 August, 2014, launched the Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative in partnership with the State Governments, Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and Private Corporates, to provide separate toilets for boys and girls in all government schools within a year. As a result of this initiative, 4,17,796 toilet blocks have been constructed or made functional in 2,61,400 elementary and secondary schools within one year from 15.8.2014 to 15.8.2015. State-wise details of funds released under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programmes for the approved activities including construction of school toilets during the last year and the current year are at Annexure-I. State-wise release of funds from Swachh Bharat Kosh for construction of toilets under the Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative is at Annexure-II. CPSUs and private corporates also funded construction of 1,45,102 school toilets.

(b): All government schools now have gender segregated toilets for girls and boys. Also, all States and Union Territories, excluding Jammu and Kashmir, have been advised to ensure that all the schools in the respective State, including those under the non-Government sector (private, aided schools etc.) comply with the provision contained in Schedule to the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which states that every recognized school should have separate toilets for boys and girls.

(c): State Governments, local authorities, School Management Committees and school administration ensure availability of water supply in the school as well as outlet drainage system in convergence with central and state schemes and programmes. Government of India financially supports States and Union Territories (UTs), for creation and improvement of infrastructural facilities in schools including construction of toilets and drinking water facilities, under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA). RMSA also provides for provision of proper drainage system in secondary schools.

(d): The requirement of infrastructural facilities in schools are worked out every year by the respective State/Union Territory on incremental basis depending on their need and priority and this is reflected in their Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B) based on which Government of India releases funds to State Governments for the approved activities including construction of new toilets as per enrolment of children in schools. Since the inception of SSA in 2000-01 till 30.09.2015, 10.14 lakh school toilets in elementary schools have been sanctioned to States and UTs. Under RMSA, 66,441 school toilets have been sanctioned for secondary schools from 2009-10 till date in States and UTs.

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